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- 1) Request for Continued Examination
- 2) Supplementary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.111

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Art Unit	1762
Examiner Name	Mananne L. Padgett
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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s) Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Supplemental Amendment to the amendment filed on April 17, 2003

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Dear Examiner Padgett:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of May 9, 2003, this
Supplementary Amendment is being transmitted as a supplement to the Amendment
filed on April 17, 2003.